## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims**:

(currently amended) A utility line support structure comprising:
a hollow fiber reinforced beam having a <u>plurality of transverse hole holes</u> extending therethrough; and

a <u>plurality of hollow</u> reinforcing <u>member members</u> placed in an interior of the beam, one <u>hollow</u> reinforcing member being aligned with each to coincide with the transverse hole, the <u>each</u> reinforcing member having a first surface defining an inner diameter that is approximately the same as a diameter of the transverse hole <u>with which the hollow</u> reinforcing member is <u>aligned</u> and a second surface defining an outer diameter that is greater than said transverse hole diameter, the first and second surfaces both being disposed within the beam;

wherein the <u>each</u> reinforcing member is positioned within the beam such that a <u>separate</u> bolt can be inserted through <u>both</u> <u>each transverse hole of</u> the beam <u>itself</u> and the reinforcing member <u>aligned with each transverse hole</u>.

- 2. (currently amended) The utility line support structure of claim 1, wherein the reinforcing member has members have a length sufficient to fit within a first interior wall and a second, opposing, interior wall within the beam.
- 3. (currently amended) The utility line support structure of claim 1, wherein the reinforcing member is members are placed within the beam after the beam has been formed, the reinforcing member members being slid into an open end of the beam and positioned in alignment with the transverse hole holes.
- 4. (currently amended) The utility line support structure of claim 1, wherein the inner diameter of the reinforcing member is members are less than or equal to about 2.5 centimeters.

- 5. (currently amended) The utility line support structure of claim 4, wherein the outer diameter of the reinforcing member is members are greater than about 2.5 centimeters and is less than about 5 centimeters.
- 6. (currently amended) The utility line support structure of claim 1, wherein the reinforcing member is members are selected from the group consisting of metal, plastic and a fiber reinforced composite material.
- 7. (currently amended) The utility line support structure of claim 1, wherein the reinforcing member comprises members comprise a fiber reinforced resin.
- 8. (original) The utility line support structure of claim 7, wherein the resin is reinforced with glass or other non-electrically conducting fiber.
- 9. (original) The utility line support structure of claim 7, wherein the resin comprises polyester or epoxy resin.
- 10. (currently amended) The utility line support structure of claim 1, wherein the reinforcing member is members are held in place with an adhesive forming a water tight seal between the reinforcing member members and the beam.
- 11. (currently amended) The utility line support structure of claim 1, wherein the reinforcing member is members are held in place by filling the beam with a foam forming a water tight seal between the reinforcing member members and the beam.
- 12. (original) The utility line support structure of claim 1, further comprising an end cap.
- 13. (original) The utility line support structure of claim 12, wherein the end cap entraps an end of the support structure, thereby providing mechanical support to the support structure and preventing moisture from penetrating into the support structure.

## 14. (canceled)

- 15. (currently amended) The utility line support structure of claim 1, wherein the transverse hole holes and reinforcing member members are used to secure the reinforced beam to a utility pole.
- 16. (currently amended) The utility line support structure of claim 1, wherein the transverse hole holes and reinforcing member members are used to secure an insulator to the reinforced beam.
- 17. (original) The utility line support structure of claim 1, wherein the reinforced beam has a rectangular cross-section having a first axis and a second axis, with a first reinforcing member along the first axis mounting the beam to a utility pole and a second reinforcing member along the second axis mounting an insulator.

## 18-23. (canceled)

24. (previously presented) A utility line support structure comprising:

a hollow fiber reinforced beam having a transverse hole extending therethrough; and a hollow reinforcing member placed in an interior of the beam to coincide with the transverse hole, the reinforcing member having an inner diameter that is approximately the same

as a diameter of the transverse hole and an outer diameter that is greater than said transverse hole

diameter;

wherein the reinforcing member is positioned within the beam such that a bolt can be inserted through both the beam and the reinforcing member and the reinforcing member is held in place by filling the beam with a foam.

25. (new) A utility line support structure comprising:

a hollow reinforcing member having a first surface defining an inner diameter and a second surface defining an outer diameter; and

a hollow fiber reinforced beam having a length extending between first and second ends of the beam, an interior volume, and a transverse hole extending through the beam at a location along the beam length, the transverse hole having a diameter substantially the same as the inner diameter of the hollow reinforcing member, the beam being sized to receive the hollow reinforcing member within the beam in alignment with the transverse hole and in contact with the beam to provide a moisture proof seal with the transverse hole to seal the inner volume of the beam along the entire beam length.

- 26. (new) The support structure of claim 25, further comprising first and second sealing caps configured to engage and seal respective first and second ends of the beam.
- 27. (new) A utility line support structure comprising:

a plurality of hollow reinforcing members each having a first surface defining an inner diameter and a second surface defining an outer diameter;

first and second end caps; and a hollow fiber reinforced beam having a length extending between first and second ends of the beam, an interior volume, and a plurality of transverse holes extending through the beam at locations along the beam length, the transverse holes each having a diameter substantially the same as the inner diameter of the hollow reinforcing members, the beam being configured to receive the first and second end caps on respective first and second ends of the beam, and to receive the hollow reinforcing members within the beam in alignment with the transverse holes such that the hollow reinforcing members and the first and second end caps seal all openings into the inner volume of the beam.